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RESONANCE TOMOGRAPHY DEVICE, ACCOUNTING FOR
NONLINEAR GRADIENT FIELDS"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,025,715
AB United States Patent No. 6,154,030
AC United States Patent No. 5,537,039
AD United States Patent No. 5,289,127
AE United States Patent No. 5,258,711
AL PCT Application WO 93/14414

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

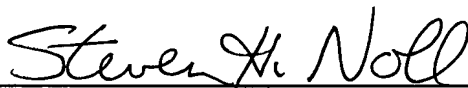
The above References were cited in an Office Action dated February 22, 2006 rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application. A copy of Reference AL together with Form 1449, on which all of the references are listed, is submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

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All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with the previously submitted reference. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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